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CHILDREN AT HURON, DAKOTA-SNOW

DRIFTS EIGHTEEN FEET DEEP.

is the worst that has been known for years.

Throughout Minnesota and Dakota, and in many

parts of Wisconsin and Illinois rathway traffic is

zard came with a suddenness and fury that has

At Huron, Dak., the morning was clear and

pleasant. Shortly before noon it began to snow,

and fifteen minutes later the wind was whirling

the fine particles of snow through the air with

such force that it was impossible to see across

the street. A number of children on their way

home from school were caught out in the storm

and were unable to find their way. Their parents

homes and soon several search parties were organ-

men, and in each party the men were all bound

to each other by means of ropes around their

Milwaukee, Jan. 13.-It was 20 degrees below

never been known before.

taken ta her home

uncomfortable of the winter.

extent and effects of the great storm:

drifted.

Mixor, Dak .- No trains are moving yet.

FAULKTON, Dak,-The teachers and most of the

constantly coming in. Two sons of William

Driver were frozen to death within a few feet of

their barn. Charles Heath is missing, and J. H.

Clapp has been discovered badly frozen, having

been out all night wandering upon the prairie.

Snow to the depth of two feet on the level and

from five to fifteen feet in the cuts was sufficient

hirty-six hours. ERGUS FALLS, Minn.: The blizzard was succeeded.

oman, Jan. 13.—In elects of the present som in Chalab have been disastrous. "Fred" Eller, a cigarmaker, was found early this moroing frozen to death within a block of his boarding house. Two school children, Wexell Beek and George Allen, started for their homes about 3 o'clock yes erday afternoon and have not been heard of

TEPERATURE AT POINTS IN THE WEST.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 13. 'To-night's weather report shows the following pelow zero records: Devil's Lake,

Dak., 28; St. Vincent, Minn., 28; Helena, 32; Bismarck,

26; Moorhead, Minn., 26; St. Paul, 24; Yankton, Dak., 18; Swift Current, N. W. T., 32; Qu'Appelle, 38.

AN OLD SOLDIER FROZEN TO DEATH.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 13 .- William H. Jewell, a

Republican politician and an extensive farmer was

found in the court house yard at Hastings yesterday

with his arms and legs frozen. He died soon after-ward. He was commander of Cox Post of the Grand Army.

AN EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED BY A SNOW PLOW.

Wisconsin" from Palmyra says an engine and snow

plow ru ining at the rate of twenty miles an hour dashed

into the rear coach of the Janesville express, wrecking two cars and throwing the mail, express and baggage

car from the track. Nobody was burt. The Janes-ville express was standing in a snow bank all night and had just backed into the deput to give the puss-engers their breaknast. Fortunately all were at the hotel at the time of the collision. The snow-plow en-

NICHOLLS FOR GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA.

fight between the McEnery and Nicholls factions of the

Democratic party in this State culminated, at 6 p. m. te-

day, in the nomination by the State Convention at Baten Rouge of General Francis T. Nicholis for Governor. The

vote was 285 9-12, against 169 3-12. The name of Nich-

oils was the enty one placed before the convention, and

the minority vote was cast blank. On metion of James D. Houston, the manager for Governor McEnery, the

nomination was made unanimous. The usanimous vete indicates harmony, but appearances are deceptive. This action was taken in accordance with a decision of a carcius of auti-hichoits delegates, which had only a lew hours before reached this conclusion. They voted almost unanimously to cast their ballets against the metion to make the nomination unanimous. The action is only a move of pointy.

Colonel C. W. Moulton, brother-in-law of General

at the Hotel Arno. He fell on the street about ten days ago in a fainting fit, which came apparently

from indigestion. He has occasionally been subject to similar attacks, but this one has been followed by

serious results and he has been unable to see any one

Colonel Moulton is a lawyer with a large practice.

He came here from Cincinnati about ten years ago.
During the war he was connected with the Quartermaster-General's Department and stationed at Cincinnati, where he had charge of the purchase of supplies for the Army of the Tennessee. In politics he
has generally been regarded as a confidential spokesman for Senator Sherman, and especially at the Republican National Conventions of 1876, 1880 and 1884
was understood to be intrusted with the direction of
Sherman's friends. His son is in law practice with
him here and he has a married daughter. At Colonal

He came here from Cincinnati about ten years ago

T. and Senator Sherman, is lying dangerously ill

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 13 (Special) .- The long and bitter

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 13 .- A dispatch to "The Evening

LORD SALISBURY TELLS OF HIS FEARS. POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS OVER RELEASED IRISE

PATRIOTS EXCITE HIS DISTRUST-THE PREMIER'S RECENT SPEECHES -WHOL SALE ARRESTS IN IRELAND.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.] Copyright: 1888: By The New York Tribuna. LONDON, Jan. 13.—Lord Salisburg's last two speeches have been singularly maladroit productions. He spoke of the anniversary of Mr. Goschen's appointment to the Tory Cabinet; this in Liverpool, where the anniversary is associated with Mr. Goschen's ignominious defeat when he sought re-election after his appointment. In yesterday's speech he compared his party to the occupants of a toboggan sliding headlong to perdition, but protesting loudly as they slid. But the gem of the oration, which sparkles with such gems, is the way in which he manages the " boom" for the coming English welcome to the Irish members on their release from jail. This wel-

come promises to be a wonderful demonstration.

If all the banquets offered by the big cities on the

route be attended, it will take the members five

days to reach London. Lord Salisbury yesterday showed his alarm at this manifestation of popular feeling by saying:

We are now in the presence of a far greater danger. We have had statesmen, Privy Counciliors, men who had been high in the service of the state and the confidence of the Crown, resisting the law Parliament has enacted, and declaring that the rights Parliament had laid down are not rights at all, and encouraging those who, by tumultuous and violent methods have attempted to place obstacles in the way of the ministers of the law. (Cheers.) I see it stated that when these gentlemen who are imprisoned or who are punished are coming out of prison they are to be received with great ceremony; they are to be received with great ceremony; they are to be sustained by a great procession, and when the procession terminates they are to be entertained at a dinner at which the leading members of the Opposition will be present. Whether Mr. Gladstone, Lord Spencer and Lord Herselell will take part in this remarkable ceremonial I do not venture to predict, but they have taken part in that state of things there is more danger than in any legislation, however faulty it may be.

The Prime Minister further betrayed his fear of

The Prime Minister further betrayed his fear of the State of opinion in England by announcing that he would defer an appeal to the country even if the House rejected his legislation. He would, in fact, hold on to office until the House of Commons positively kicked him out by a vote of cen-

William O'Brien is to be entertained at a banquet at Mallow Sunday week, the night after his

Police persecution of the leaders of the Clanricarde tenants at Woodford culminated in another outrage to-day. Mr. John Roche and nine others of the active local men were arrested on a charge of "unlawful assembly." Mr. Roche has just served two terms in jail, one for his participation in the midnight meeting, the other for his part in Mr. Blunt's meeting, and most of the other men arrested have just concluded periods in jail, likewise for the crime of taking part in the midnight meeting. The store of Mr. Keary, the chief merchant of Woodford, a most respectable old gentleman, who, like every other good man in the listrict, has been expiating the sin of defending Clanricarde's tenants on a plank bed, was entered a couple of days ago by a number of emergency men with a strong guard of police. The emergency men put down a five-pound note and demanded certain goods. Mr. Keary said that he would not serve them. "That is all we want," they replied and out they went. Mr. Keary will probably do another term on the plank bed for this act of criminality. No wonder Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, Privy Councillor and member of the Opposition, after his investigation of Woodford and Clanricarde's estate is going about now using as strong language as any member of the Irish T. P. GILL, M. P.

THE FIREBRAND OF THE BALKANS.

PROBLEM OF FERDINAND AND BULGARIA. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.-It is semi-officially stated that if the Powers displace Prince Ferdinand the Czar is willing to compromise by establishing a provisional government so constituted as to guarantee to Russia the maintenance of her influence in Bulgaria. It is further stated that the Czar intends that Prince Cantacuzene shall become diplomatic representative at Sophia

BERLIN, Jan 13.-The semi-official press here considers Lord Salisbury's speech at Liverpool enough to damp the faith of optimists who continue to believe

in the maintenance of peace

The reported advance of Russian troops into Podolia appears to be suspended.

VIENNA, Jan. 13.-The "Presse" denounces the continued attempts to mislead the 'Czar's pacific and up-right mind." It declares that a certain Russian diplomat is now trying to impress the Czar with the besief that Austria is urging the Suitan to recognize Trince Ferdinand as Prince of Bulgaria, and says benef that Austria of Bulgaria, and says trace Ferdinand as Prince of Bulgaria, and says that the Czar's entourage will probably encourage the diplomat, as they did the authors of the forgeries which were intended to deceive the Czar regarding Germany's policy. "In the interests of peace," continues the paper, "it is necessary to unmask and draw attention to this new intrigue."

MR. BALFOUR SUED FOR SLANDER. AN UNSATISFACTORY RETRACTION - FOURTEEN MOONLIGHTERS SENTENCED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 13.-Judge Dowse, of the Exchequer Court, in granting a request of Mr. Balfour, Chief Sec retary for Ireland, to have remitted to Dublin the trial of an action for slander which Patrick Barrett, of Bal-Imasloe, has bought against the Chief Secretary, expressed sympathy for Mr. Balfour, who he described as the most abused man in the Kingdom. The alleged slander with which Mr. Balfour is charged was contained in a passage of a speech which he made recently at Manchester, and in which he reflects upon the reputation of Mr. Barrett. Mr. Balfour had retracted his words in regard to Mr. Barrett in a letter to "The Times" on the day following the publication of his Times" on the day following the planteated of me speech, but this did not satisfy Mr. Barrett, who wanted an apology published in every paper in which the speech appeared, the payment by Mr. Balfour of a reasonable sum to some local charity, and the payment of all costs.

Judge Murphy, at the Munster Assizes, has sentenced fourteen "moonlighters" to terms of imprisonment varying from eighteen months to eighteen years.

THE CROWN PRINCE'S THROAT. SYMPTOMS OBSERVABLE DURING THE LAST FORT-

NIGHT-SWELLING AND IRRITATION. BERLIN, Jan. 13.-Drs. Schrader, Krause and Hovell, who are at San Remo, have issued a bulletin regarding the condition of the Crown Prince. They say the symptoms of the Prince's allment during the last have consisted of a somewhat more pronounced swelling on the left side of the larynx, with an inflammatory irritation, which extended somewhat ever the mucous membrane of the larynx. At the same time a more abundant secretion of mucus was appearing. The Prince's general health is very good.

The Crown Prince in a letter thanking the Berlin
Municipal Council for its New Year's congratula-

tions, says:

"The fulfilment of your wish for my recovery is
in God's hands; but I confidently hope that the necessary faculties will not be wanting to enable me in
the good as in the evil days to be to the Fatherland
what it expects."

LONDON, Jan. 13.-Queen Victoria will go to San Remo by way of Switzerland.

DIFFERENTIAL DUTIES SUSPENDED. Madrid, Jan. 13.—The Gasette publishes the text of the agreement between Spain and the United States for the prolongation until June 30 of the suspension of differential dues upon vessels and cargoes from

THE KING OF PORTUGAL ILL Lisson, Jan. 13.—The King of Portugal has had an

SIGNED BY 1,132,608 BRITISH WOMEN. LONDON, Jan. 13 .- The Gazette this evening publishes the Jubilee address of congratulation sent to Queen Victoria by the women of Great Britain. It is signed by 1,132,608 women.

MR. SPURGEON INSIGNATION WITHDRAWING. LONDON, Jan. 13.—A deput with Mr. Spurgeon, with reference to his withdrawal from the Union. Mr. rgson declared that he must still maintain his

DECRYING PUBLIC OPINION. resignation. He suggested that the council should adopt a simple basis of Bible truths such as are accepted evangelical doctrines. He considered that the constitution of the Union did not contain sufficient powers to enable it to deal with members who disclosed heretical tendencies. He declined to formally accuse anybody, but said that when he had spoken of that which looked like the beginning of a confederacy in evil, he referred to no special association in connection with which deviations from the Gospel truth could be discerned. He would continue to support the departments of the Union in which he was specially interested.

A plenary council of the Union has been convoked for Thursday to consider Mr. Spurgeon's position.

DEPLORABLE FINANCES OF PERU. THE SITUATION LEADS TO SUFFERING, RIOTING

PANAMA, Jan. 5.—The greenback question in Lima has scached an alarming stage. There is no confidence in the paper being bought up, and there is no silver in the coun-Therefore matters are in a bad plight. Ecuador is meditaling the seizure of the northern part of Peru. Peruvians who live there, it is said, would be pleased to change their nationality. A Lima letter says:

"The market places and provision shops are scenes of the most painful events. We have seen women trying to buy food with ten and twenty sole notes, and no one would receive them in payment. The streets had to be patrolled in Lima and strong squads of soldiers stationed in the markets to prevent the people attempting acts of violence against those who refused to sell for paper money. A meeting in reference to the notes was held in the main square in Lima on December 14. Pickets of armed police were stationed at the four corners of the square. One of e pickets was molested by some boys and some frunken.

The police, who finally became enraged, fired and wounded several boys. Among the various incidents of the trouble was the appearance of a number of people in money-dealer. Stones were thrown at the windows and balconies of his residence, but a patrol soon appeared and drove the rioters off. On December 10 there was not a single money-changer or business house in Lima selling

er soles for paper money.
"When a crowd formed round the Palace President Ca-"When a crowl formed round the Palace President Caceres spoke from one of the balconies and assured all
present that the Government was doing everything possible
to remove the causes of also and to re-establish and ience.

"In Ascope, in the north of Peru, trouble was feared
as the business houses all selved to sell for paper currency. In Trujillo almost all the retail stores are closed,
and the bakers have stopped baking because the holders
of fleur will only sell for silver dollars while the bakers
only hold notes. In the main market in Lima there are
1.800 stalls. Of this number 1.300 were closed on De-

cember 15. The steeples of the churches were oc by pickets to prevent the rioters making a call to arms with the bells, and all liquor sheps and hotels were closed by the pelice. The tanks were also closed. "Disorders have occurred at Huant Cavelica, and the Acting Prefect, Senor Apolinario Zuniga, and the Treas-urer, Senor Isidro Sanchez, have been murdered."

POLICE ESCORTS FOR ISTHMUS TRAINS. PANAMA, Jar. 5.-Mr. Allen, assistant track and traffic maoager of the Panama Railroad, has arranged a

police escort for every train which crosses the Isthmus. LIVERPOOL SHROUDED IN DARKNESS. Liverroot, Jan. 13.—The fee bere has cleared away, but has been succeeded by darkness, which envelops the chy. Shipping on the Mersey is still at a stand- four-story building, belonging to Pearson & Wet-

METALLIC LOCKS FOR THE PANAMA CANAL PARI, Jan. 13 .- M. de Lesseps maintains that the Panama Canal will be made available for the transit of vessels in 1890 by means of immense metallic locks, which Engineer Eiffel has been ordered to con-

CONSPIRING AGAINST FERDINAND. SOPHIA, Jan. 13.-Several military officers, Government officials and teachers have been arrested on the charge of conspiring against Prince Ferdinand.

CANADA NOT SO SAFE FOR HATCH. TORONTO, Out., Jan 13.-Newton P. R. Hatch, the abonding cashier of the United States Express Company, of New-York; E. Bray and Agnes Hatch were brought before a police magistrate this morning, the first named being charged with bringing stolen money and documents into Canada, and the last two with being accessories to the act. All pleaded not guilty, and the Crown Attorney was granted an adjournment for a week to enable him to procure evidence from New-York. Bail was refused for Hatch and Bray, but Mrs. Hatch was released on her own bond.

It was said at Police Headquarters yesterday that EUROPEAN COURTS STILL TRYING TO SOLVE THE Hatch probably could not be brought back to this city. On November 27 he made a complaint at Police Head-quarters that he had been rebbed of a \$1,000 bill in Mrs. in West Thirty-first-st. His complaint led to an examination of his accounts. W to an examination of his accounts, which were such the amount of \$10,000. Learning of the investigation, Hatch fled to Canada with \$2,000 in cash belonging to the company. His wife's home in this city was watched until it was ascertained that he had surchased a billiard room at No. 249 George-st., Teronto. His wife joined him in Canada before he was arrested.

VIOLET CAMERON'S TROUBLESOME HUSBAND. LONDON, Jan. 13 .- David De Bensaude, the husband of Violet Cameron, has been put under 250 bonds not to molest his wife for six months.

MR. O'CONNOR BACK IN IRELAND. LONDON, Jan. 13.-Mr. Arthur O'Connor, who arrived at Queenstown to day, was welcomed by a great erowd and escorted to his hotel. In an interview he said that the reception accorded Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde and himself throughout the United States had Exmonde and himself throughout the United States have exceeded their most sanguine hopes, Ho said that the feeling among Americans, from the President downward, was in favor of Home Rule for Ireland, and that the people were shocked at the manner in which the Tories were enforcing the Coercion Law.

WINDING UP THE BASS BREWING COMPANY. LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Gazette announces the volum fary winding up of the Bass Brewing Company. It is intended to turn the business into a limited liability concern. The stock will be divided into ordinary shares and 4 1-2 per cent debentures of £100 each The former will be retained for the present members of the firm and their friends, but the latter will be offered to the public at 108. Subscription lists will be opened at the beginning of the week, and it is expected there will be an enormous demand for the

SECRETARY FAIRCHILD'S " ECONOMY." Boston, Jan. 13 (Special.)-"The Jeursal" will publish a letter to-morrow morning from its Portland correspondent, which says that Secretary Fairchild's sweeping reduction of the force in the Customs service is met by the indignant protests of ship owners and seafaring men generally, no matter what their political belief may be. In Maine the protests are particularly earnest, as that State is the most seriously affected by the reduction. Waldsboro District is particularly mportant, because of the large number of foreign arrivals. For the quarter ending June 30, 1887, only of foreign entries than the Waldsboro District, and those three were Boston, New-York and Philadelphia. The district is also specially impor ant because of The district is also specially imporant because of the immense amount of shipping owned therein aed hailing therefrom. In this district is a working force of seven men, including the Collector. The number of foreign entries for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1887, was 579, number of foreign clearances in that time, 600 vessels, documented 513, entries of mer-chandise 611, while San Francisco, with 219 employes, had only 886 foreign en ries and 839 foreign clearances, 1012 vessels documented.

TOPICS FOR WOODFORD PRIZE ORATIONS. ITHACA, Jan. 13 (Special).—The seniors of Cornell University who intend to compete in the coming con-est for the Woodford Prize in oratory have just had aubjects for orations assigned them, on which they may watte. These are: Wordsworth's Political may watte. These are: "Wordsworth's Political Apostas," "Carlyle as a Historical Painter," "Con-scientiousness in Politics," "Manifest Destiny and Manifest Duty," "The Lesson of Gladstone's Career," Manifest Duty," "The Lesson of Glaustone's Career,

"The Youth of the Republics and their Duty," "The
Statesman and the Politician," "The American Civil
Service Prior to 1829," "The Principles of Stability in
our National Constitution," "The Political Character of
Aaron Burr," "The Negro Soldier in the War of the
Richellion," "The Heroism of the Nationalist."

A DEPAULTER RETURNS PROM CANADA. ALLENTOWN, Pa. Jan. 13.-Ex-Register of Wills Pfiffer who left here last week after the discovery that his nts were \$8,000 short, returned from New-York last night, having been there and in Canada during his absence. He was induced to come back by his brother

FATALLY BURNED IN A PAINTING FIT. CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 13 (Spece a ).—Mrs. Mary A. Kella on Wednesday fainted and fell on her face on the kitchen range. She was so badly burned that she died last night.

MADE TWO TRIPS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. Washington, Jan. 13.—An excursion party from New-Jersey, numbering about one hundred and twenty-five porsom, half of whom were women, made two trips to

the White House to day. Their first visit was at 12 o'clock, when they were received by Mrs. Cleveland, and their second visit was at 1:30 o'clock, when they were received by the President.

THE BLIZZARD IN THE WEST FROM MANITORA ALMOST TO TEXAS.

CARS ALMOST COLLISION PROOF. VESTIBULE AND FREIGHT TRAINS MEET. ENGINES WRECKED AT TWENTY-FIVE MILES AN

HOUR, BUT THE NEW COACHES CNHURT. PITSBURG, Jan. 13.-The New-York limited vestibule express train eastbound on the Fort Wayne road, met with a serious accident this morning at Rochester, twenty-rive miles west of Pittsburg. The train was running at the rate of over thirty-five miles an hour when it ran into a freight train of forty cars going west. The engineers of firemen of both trains jumped, west. The engineers was hardy injured. The trains same and one of them was hadly injured. The trains came fogether with a crash, both sugines being wrecked, while the baggage cars of the limited and four freight cars were piled up in a heap. The passengers in the limited were knocked about, but all of them escaped with a few bruises. The train was delayed several

The vestibule train arrived at Jersey City at 11:47 last night, nearly five hours late. Every car of the train was intact, and the only injury sustained was by the composite car which was next to the tender. Iwo lower steps were broken, and the front guard rail was bent back and slightly twisted. The only passenger injured was in the toilet-room at the time and had his elbow "barked" by being thrown against the edge of the stand. Conductor L. F. Mulford, of the Pullman Com pany, said:

" We were going about twenty-five miles an hour. The weather was foggy and the ralls slippery. I was sitting in the smoking car counting over my tickets. The crash was a sharp one and I was thrown against the desk and was a sharp one and I was known against the dess may wrist slightly grazed. We found that the freight train we struck was crossing over from the west-bound track to the yard at Conway. Many freight cars were piled up one on another and demolished, and the two engines were reduced to scrap iron. The smoking car forced the tender right up on the engine. No cars left the track. Most of the passengers were asleep, but not one was thrown from his berth. The power of resistance of the Pullman vestibule train has certainly been demonstrated."

of the Pullman vestibule train has certainly obea demonstrated."

I. Kuhn, of New-Orleans, said: "I am the only passencer in the least hurt. I was in the wash-room and the shock which was tremendous threw me against the wash stand and skinned my elbow. Everybody was badly frightened but that was all there was to it.

A. J. Zabriskie, of Chicago, A. S. Dwight, of Puebla, Col., and R. McLeish, of Chicago, other passengers, said that they were asleep in their berths and were awakened by the crash but were not otherwise disturbed.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE IN INDIANAPOLIS, A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE RAGING IN THE HEART OF

THE BUSINESS PART OF THE CITY. Indianapolis, Jan. 14 .- A destructive fire broke out to-night at 11 o'clock. At that hour an alarm called the firemen to South Meridian and Maryland sts., in the wholesale district. The fire was first discovered in the cellar in the rear part of D. P. Erwin & Co.'s dry-goods house. The efforts of the firemen are without avail and the flames (12:30) spreading rapidly. To north of Erwin's was located the wholesale grocery house of George W. Stout & Co., and by 12 o'clock both buildings, handsome four-story structures, stocked with valuable merchandise, were destroyed. On the south a new

PANIC CAUSED IN A CROWDED SCHOOL. CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The Irving Public School came near being the scene of a disastrous panic this afternoon. Woodwark in the augine-room took fire from the furnace, and smoke soon filled the building. The thousand chil-

zell, just completed but not yet occupied,

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES. estroyed. The losses were \$13,000, covered by insurance. KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 13.—A dispaten to The Daily Tele graph save: As Pow Paw village this morning, Saulshar, 's drug store, Goorge W. Longwell's double store, the Paw Paw Savings Bank, Frederick Blisborrow's hardware store, C. E. Butter's grocery and creckery store. James Rennett's saloon, graph gallery were burned. Loss, \$30,000: lasurance,

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Jan. 13.—The John Spry Lumber Company's saw mill in this place was burned last night. The toss is \$35,000; fully insured.

HARRISHURG, Jan. 13.—The car works at Dauphin, Penn.,

owned by School & Shoop, employing about 150 persons, were burned last night. Loss \$75,000: insurance about \$25,000.

JAMEST WA. Dak: I he storm still continued to proper the storm of the property of the storm of the property of the prope

THER WAS NO "SPLIT." WASHINGTON Jan. 13 (Specia ) .- The representatives of the woollen manufacturers, the wool growers and the wool dealers have been busy all day. Altogether they did not make a large body of men, only twice as many members as compose the Committee on Ways and Means, but they represent a good many more than twice as many people. Their deliberations, therefore, had been watched with extreme interest and

FREE-TRADE CONGRESSMEN CHAGRINED BECAUSE

their conclusions will be received with the respect and attention which they deserve.

One fact became evident early to-day, and that was that all the talk in the free-trade newspapers to the effect that the woollen manufacturers of New-England desire free wool is based on what at the least may be

desire free wool is based on what at the least may be called a misapprehension. The woollen manufacturers do not want free wool, and most of them have shown a disposition to regard the interests of the woolfprowers as being in entire harmony with their own interests. The sub-committees of the three diverse industries represented reached an early agreement. That was a disappointment to the free-trade Congressmen, who made different excuses for their inquiries as to what had been done.

Mr. Springer came all the way from Capitol Hill to make a social call at the hotel where the meetings are held, but he betrayed a great anxiety to know whether there was a "split" in the conference. Mr. Springer, like a good many other Congressmen, has been misled by the statements and assertions which have misrepresented the attitude of the manufacturers. It was ascertained that about the only difference which remained to be adjusted when the full conference assembled at 10 o'clock to night was that between the wool growers on the one hand and the manufacturers of carpet wools on the other.

At midnight the conference adjourned till noon tomorrow. It is understood that the difficulty between the wool-growers and the carpet manufacturers, such as it was, has been overcome, and that the only subject remaining to be considered is that of woollen goods.

TRUSTEES TRYING TO SECURE A BEQUEST. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13 (Special).—Counsel came be-fore Judge Penrose in the Orphan's Court this morning n reference to the application to be made in behalf of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church to re-ceive the residue of the estate of Dr. Scott stewart, which under the testator's will, upon the compliance of certain conditions is to form the nucleus of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. The sum forming the bequest with accumulations amounts to \$250 000. A decision will be rendered in the case on January 30.

AN OFFICER DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY. Washington, Jan. 13 .- The President has approved he court-martial sentence of dismissal in the case of First Lieutenant Charles R. Ward, 10th Cavairy, con-

BALTIMORE, Jan. 13 (Special).-Booth and Barrett in their engagement at the Holliday Street Theatre this week have been supported in several performances by an intelligent set of supers. A majority of the fine look-ing young men appearing as warriors, court attendants, etc., were students of the Johns Hopkins University. Instead of each paying a dollar or two a night to see the play they were paid a dollar each for participating in it.

SENATOR WALTHALL RENOMINATED. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 13.—General E. C. Waithall was ocratic members of the Legislature as his own suc-

THE NEW COUNTY DEMOCRACY COMMITTER. The County Democracy County Committee organized ast evening at the Cooper Union. The Ist and VIIth Districts and the Twenty-fourth Ward were unrepresented on account of contests. Secretary John M. Cowan called the meeting to order. Ex-Senster James Daly was chosen temporary chairman and Charles J.
McGee and John M. Coman temporary secretaries. The
usual committees on credentials and permanent organization were chosen and a recess taken. After an hour's detay the Committee on Permanent Organization reported in favor of the re-election of John E. Develin as
permanent chairman, and one vice-chairman and secrelary from each of the twenty-four As-embly Districts.
Henry R. Beekman, John R. Voorhis and J. Hampden
Robb were selected as chief vice-chairmen, and Charles
J. Metice, John M. Coman, Edward tillon and Mitchell
Levy as reading secreturies Resolutions on the death
of Daniel Manning were sciopted.

The Executive Committee will meet on Saturday evening, January 21. Moulton's office yesterday, it was said that he was somewhat better, but might not be about for two or three weeks.

A SWINDLER WITH A RECORD.

SUICIDE OF W. H. JOHNSON. TRAINS ALL BLOCKADED-SAVING THE SCHOOL

SHOOTING HIMSELF IN AN ELMIRA HOTEL. LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR \$10,000 FOUND-HIS CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The storm which raged throughout the Northwest last night and to-day CAREER IN THIS CITY.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 13 (Special).—W. H. Johnson, a New-York oll broker, killed himself by shooting with a revolver in his room at the Kathbun House about 9 a. m. to day. He west to his room between 6 and 7 p. m. suspended and many little towns are entirely cut , yesterday complaining of being cold, and had the steam off from the outside world. In Dakota the bliz- turned on. This was the last seen of him alive. The landlord heard the shot this morning but thought nothing of it, and at 11 o'clock, when the cha.nbermaid entered the room she discovered the corpse. In the dead man's hand was the revolver. Coroner Reardon made an examination, which showed that Johnson had only \$1 19, and his other effects consisted of a handbag con-taining clothing and toilet articles. He also had a valuable solitaire diamond stud, sleeve buttons, gold studs, etc. Life insurance policies were also found which show that Johnson was insured in the Protective Life Assurance Society for \$5,000, and in the Mutual Benefit Society of New-York for \$5,000.

spread the news that they had not reached their Mr. Johnson was a brother in law of Sidney Crane, of Hornellsville, and was formerly connected with a bank ized. Each party consisted of from five to ten in that village. Cards found in his pockets give his address in New-York as No. 55 Broadway. He lived at the Victoria Hotel and not long ago handsomely entertained a small party of prominent Elmirans who met him there. He was a single man between thirty-five waists. In this way they proceeded to search the whole town and it was not until late last and forty years of age. His clothing was of the best and night that the last missing child was found and indicated that he was fastidious in his tastes.

That the suicide was premeditated was shown by the fact that a pile of addressed and sealed letters partly Here in Chicago the only effect of the storm was the demoralization of the railway companies and stamped were on the table in the room where he killed the delay in incoming trains to-day. The snow himself. One was addressed to C. E. Rapelyea, Elmira, and the others as follows: Mrs. C. S. Lockwood, Hornellaville; Mrs. S. H. Crane, Hornellaville; W. H. ceased about 9 o'clock last night and a light rain began, the mercury showing 34° above zero. This Rose, Hornelisville; James Macken, Wellsville; W. L. was the temperature at 3 a. m. to-day. Two hours Jones, Wellsville; H. A. Magee, Plainfield, N. J.; J. later there was a drop of 34° and the thermometer Buckley, No. 401 Broadway, New-York. reached zero. The cold was accompanied by a flerce west wind that made the day the most

Johnson went to New-York a few years ago with a fertune of \$75,000 left him by his father, Nathaniel J. Johnson. For a time he was in business with A. H. Palmer, and is reported to have made money, but later zero to-night and advices from other parts of the he went " on the Street " and lost his fortune. He then engaged in the oil brokerage business and is supposed to state were that it was even colder in some places. have got caught on the wrong side of the market when The railroads have had a bad time of it. Nearly the recent sudden advance in oil took place. Yesterday hours late and on the Prairie du Chien division of the St. Paul road, passenger as well as freight trains were suspended on account of the big drifts in the cuts. Engines that crawled in from the north resembled huge cakes of lee. Snow plows have been at work all day and it is not expected that passenger trains will be stalled en any of the Wisconsin divisions. every train from the west and north was several he sent several dispatches to New-York, it is believed in deals in oil or stocks, which, it is believed, went against bim, and this coupled with previous unfortunate ventures and ill-health is the supposed cause or the

suicide.

After Johnson had received several dispatches, showing that his last efforts had failed, he went to a book store and purchased a book on anatomy, and the work was open at a part describing the heart, showing that the builet hole over the heart was made after careful study of the book. Sr. PAUL, Jan. 13 .- The following dispatches to The Pioneer Press to-night show something of the

theatrical circles as well. At one time he was part storm has abated, but the wind is still blowing. lessee of the Union Square Theatre with A. M. Palmer.
He was a native of Hornellsville, N. Y., and was supposed by his friends here to be about thirty years old.
His family is a highly respected one and possessed of considerable property. Mr. Johnson joined the New-York Petroleum Exchange which had its roo may in William-st which was then in its Infancy. He was active in trading, made many lucky hits and soon became popular in the trade. He served as vice-president of the exchange for one year, but in recent years he has not been prominent at all in the management of the exchange. It was while he was connected with the New-York Petroleum Exchange, before the consolidation with the National Petroleum Exchange and the Mining Board that he took his theatrical venture with Mr. Palmer. It was 38 degrees below zero this morning. There is fourteen inches of snow on a level, badly schools were compelled to remain in one of the school rooms all night, provisions being carried to them. Ropes were stretched from the corner of Main st. to the school house to enable those earrying provisions to go and come with safety. RAYMOND. Dak.-Damage to live stock will be great, while reports of suffering and death are

Board that he took his theatrical venture with air. Palmer.

Mr. Johnson was devoted to his family and friends and had no dissipated habits. He was unmarried. He left the city on wednesday without giving any special reason for his departure, and the news of his sad end was a complete surprise to his friends here. No reason could be learned for his act, but it is intimated that pecuniary difficulties arising from his position in the market may have led to despondency. It is thought here that he went to Elmira to raiss money to relieve himself, and that having failed to do so cave way to despair. Mr. Johnson at one time was cashier in the Bank of Hornelisville and he was in the oil business in Bradford, Penn., one year before he came to New-York. He was straightforward in his business transactions and was gental and generous.

ISIDOR COHNFELD RETURNED.

BACK IN NEW-YORK MAKING A SETTLEMENT WITH MIS CREDITORS. It is reported that Isidor Connfeld, the wealthy feather

from five to fifteen feet in the cuts was sufficient almost to suspend the running of trains. But, added to this, the severe wind which blew in some parts, and the blizzard which raged in others, have suspended railway business entirely. By 8 o'clock last night there was no attempt at running a train at any point west of St. Paul. The eastern lines tried hard to keep their tracks open, but without success. Branch line trains were all abandoned at junctions last night, and there is no predicting when they will be opened. It is thought that some of them will be closed for six weeks. The wind blew hard on almost all lines to-day, and the cuts were filled in as fast as they were cleared. Another storm is expected to strike Minnesota on Sunday. It raged in Idaho to-day.

Jamest ws. Dak: the storm still continued tomerchant who fied to Canada recently, has returned to New-York to arrange his affairs with his creditors and has already had several conferences with them approaching a settlement.

The affair has been kept quietby all concerned,
but that he should have been in the city night, although much abated. The thermometer at noon marked 27° below. The old snow-drifts have blown away and new and larger ones have formed. The Northern Pacific main line and branches are all blocked and all trains are delayed from twelve to thirty-six hours.

nearly a week. lawyers, without attracting more attention is singular.

The return was made, of course, under the assurance from his crediters' lawyers ne should not be arrested and

The auction sale of his stock, which was to take

The strict assortion of the st CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (Special) .- The directors of the to Congress on the subject of the prohibition from France of American products, especially sait pork. Resolutions calling upon Congress to enact retalla-tory legislation, if necessary, are now being prepared. These, together with a letter from the American Consul at Havre, France, will be sent to every member of the Senate and House. The basis of the memorial is this letter, in which Consul Dufais, after referring to the prohibition of the importation of American sait

to the prohibition of the importation of American salter pork, says:

In the course of the many changes which have taken place in French Ministers since 1881, we find that quite lately M. Tirard, the originator of the prohibitory edict, has turned up as Prime Minister. It is not proper that he should be called upon to repeal this most odious edict of unjust and unfrendly discrimination. The majority of the laboring classes of France and all the population of Havre are in favor of the repeal of the prohibition of a wholesome and cheap article of nourishment.

The letter indicates that retailation should be taken The letter indicates that retaliation should be taken

against the cheap and adulterated French wines sent

STANFORD POTTER URGED TO CONFESS.

LONG BEANCH, Jan. 13 (Special).—There were no mportant developments in the Hamilton murder case to-day. Wood, the Pinkerton detective, has abandoned the case and gone home. Stanford Potter, the lover of Annie Smith, received a letter this morning from his old mother who lives in Baltimore. Mrs. Potter strongly urges her son to make a confession of all the facts connected with the robbery and murder.

DROWNING HERSELF AT GUILFORD. NEW-HAVEN, Jan. 13 (Special).-The body of Miss Hattie Ann Allen, age twenty-three, was found on the beach off Guilford by some oystermen yesterday afternoon. She was the adopted daughter of Ralph Stark, a resident of Guilford. She had threatened to

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE BRADFORD ACCIDENT. HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 13.—George R. Westwerth, of Dover, N. H., died at the hespital at 9 o'eleck te-night, making the thirteenth victim of the Bradford disaster. W. F. Kimball, of Newton, will probably die. The re maining patients, including John Madden, of Bradford, whose leg was amputated Wednesday, are deing well. whose leg was amplitated we inserted, all the second with the City Hall building on Monday, before Judge Carter. It is expected to last the entire week. Public opinion seems to have settled down to the idea that the accident was caused by a flaw in the iren of the broken wheel which no human foresight could have remedied.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13 (Special).-The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Knights of Pythias has adopted by-laws centraveling those of the supreme ledge. Howard Douglass, supreme chancellor, says that he will revoke the Posnsylvania charter unless those by-laws are repealed. The matter will be brought into court and promises to be a serious blow to the order.

VOLUNTARY RETURN OF AN ESCAPED CONVICT. Edward Stager, the aged prisoner who escaped from the penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J., on Wednesday, returned to that institution yesteriary of his own accord. The authorities are led to believe, owing to the man's p-culiar actions, that he has become demented. He said that he had gone out quietly and without trying to avoid detection, and that he want ture a greeny store head by a man named from the contractions. went into a grocery store rept by a man named Brown to get warm. He was probably in this place during the time the posse of constables were looking for him. He teld his story in a rambling way and there is scarcely any doubt as to his insanity. The county physician will make an examination.

Mrs. Catharine Parsue, age eighteen, of No. 53 Lorrimer-st. Brooklyn, attempted suicide last evening at her home by taking rat poison. Just a week ago her husband, Otto Parsus, age uincteen, committed suicide by the same means on account of acute/erysipelas. They were married on November 19, some time last mouth Mrs. Parsue's father, August Partgets.

THE BOGUS MR. MAYER A LONDON EXPERT. HIS EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF CRIME ON TWO CONTINENTS-SETTING FIRE TO HIS

CLOTHES IN AN ENGLISH JAIL. The history of Harry Benson, alias Charles B. Bourton, the swindler who got \$22,000 from Mexicans in 1886 by pretending to be Mr. Abbey's agent for the sale of seats for Patti's concerts, was told at length by Inspector Byrnes at Police Headquarters yesterday. Benson, who has gone by many false names and is declared to be a most adroit scoundrel, was locked up in a cell under the Detective Bureau, and he consequently could not hear all the good and bad things that were said about him. He is forty-one years of age, of small stature and dark complexion, and would be a

good looking man if had not tried to burn himself to death in an English prison some years ago, According to the police history he belonged to a good English family and had a first class education as a journalist before he became known as a rogue. His ability to speak five languages, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish, helped him in his career, both as an honest journalist and as a swindler. He was editor of a Paris newspaper during the Franco-Prussian war. During the siege of Paris he got through the lines with the help of United States Minister Washburne, and he lived at Lyons, France, for a time after the close of the war.

TAKIN - A ROGUS SUBSCRIPTION IN LONDON

Before he had left England he had been cast of by his family on account of gambling habits. In July, 1872, he returned to London with letters of introduction to the Prince of Wales and to the Lord Mayor, and pretended that he was authorijed to collect money for the aid of the povertystricken people of Paris. There was much sym pathy in England with the sufferers in Paris at that time, and the Queen had started a subscription for their relief. Benson was exposed as a

tion for their relief. Benson was exposed as a fraud after he had received a check for £1.000 from the retiring Lord Mayor of London. The money was taken away from him, and he was sent to prison for a year.

Benson's family suffered from the notoriety attending his arrest, and at that time the rogue appeared to be overcome with remorse. He poured oil on his clothes and set fire to them, but the prison keepers rescued him after he had been burned seriously. He recovered before he had rived out his term, but was scarred for life.

After his release from prison he procured employment on a sporting newspaper published in London by a man named Kerr, The paper was devoted chiefly to news of the turf, and Kerr was trusted with large sums of money by pers as who wished to make bets on the races. While earning £5 per week as a reporter for the newspaper, Benson discovered that Kerr was swindling the persons who entrusted their money to him. He threatened to expose Kerr, and Kerr took him into partnership.

HIGH-CLASS VICTIMS OF A TURP AGENCY. From that on they made large sums of money out of persons who were infatuated with gambling on the turf, yet were ignorant of racing methods who was swindled out of £55,000. She finally saw through their plan of robbery and tried to have them arrested. For a time the rogues kept in hiding, but they were caught after a storm of

indignation had been raised in London over the apparent incapacity of the Scotland Yard detectives. Later it was discovered that three of the detectives, Nicholjohn, Neskowitz and Palmer, had been interested in the swindling business and had helped to keep Kerr and Benson in hiding. All were convicted. Benson and Kerr were sent to prison for fifteen years each, and the detectives for four years each. After Benson had been in prison for seven years he was released on "ticket of leave."

In January, 1886, he was arrested in Brussels for falsely representing himself as a newspaper agent and selling bogus news to syndicate of newspapers. He managed to get out on bail and to escape from Belgium. He went to Switzerland next and sold a number of worthless bonds there, Before he was found out and arrested at Geneva, he had forwarded some drafts to a bank in New-York. He managed to escape conviction in Switzerland, and he came to this city with the expectation of getting the money on the drafts. The bank refused to pay the drafts but he began a suit against the directors and sent to Geneva for a record of his discharge. While thus engaged he learned of Mr. Abbev's plan to give Patti con-

a record of his discharge. While thus engaged he learned of Mr. Abbey's plan to give Patti concerts in Mexico and concluded to collect some money from the Mexicans before Mr. Abbey got got there. In Mexico he dealt with ticket speculators in order to prevent the public from getting a hint of his plan, knowing that information of a supposed public sale of tickets might be telegraphed to this city. With \$22,000 of Mexican money in his pocket he took a train for El Paso just in time to escape arrest. The train was stopped on the way to El Paso and searched, but Benson had so disguised himself that he was not recognized. He exchanged his Mexican money for greenbacks before he reached New-York. THE DETECTIVES' LONG HUNT FOR BENSON. Mr. Abbey telegraphed to the police of this city about the swindle in Mexico, but Detective-Set geants Adams and Handy could not findBenson. It was ascertained later that he had returned to Europe. The swindler made a flying visit to this city last year to consult with his lawyer about the suit against the bank. J. Monroe of the Convict

suit against the bank. J. Monroe of the Convict Supervision Office at Scotland Yard, London, recently sent to laspector Byrnes a picture of Benson and some information about the rogue's movements. It was ascertained that Benson had returned to this city 2 few weeks ago to press his suit against the bank that held his drafts. A watch was set on the office of his lawyer and Benson was arrested there on Thursday. Inspector Byrnes yesterday refused to tell the lawyer's name or the name of the bank against which Benson had a suit pending.

After Benson's arrest a telegram was sent to the Mexican authorities who replied: "Hold the prisoner. The Government will take measures to extradite him." Mr. Navarro, the Mexican Consul General in this city, was at Police Headquarters yesterday and arranged to appear against Benson before one of the United States Commissioners to-day. Early in the day Benson will be taken before police justice and discharged as a "suspicious person." Then he will be rearrested on Mr. Navarro's Complaint.

MEXICAN POLICE WANT HIM. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 13, via Galveston.—The news from Henry E. Abbey that Henry Benson, who claimed to be Marens Mayer, who swindled persons here out of \$20,000 by selling worthless tickets to the Patti con certs, had been arrested in New-York, is the topic of conversation here. The highest classes of society were conversation here. The figurest classes of society weeks taken in. Mayer's escape from the country has been a matter of mystery. The Mexican police hope soon to get hold of him, and if it is not possible through defective extradition laws, they propose to have somebody go on to New-York to prosecute him. It is safe to say that he would get a heavy sentence here and with no prospect of pardos.

Chicago, Jan. 13.-Ex-Congressman A. L. Conges of Akron, O., who is in the city said yesterday "Sherman will have the Ohio delegation solid this year and have it easily and without contest. Elaine has always been strong in our State, and he has all his old friends. But at the State Convention, the matter was thoroughly talked over and the feeling, withe exception, is that Sherman should have the delegate exception, is that Sherman should have the delegates solid. There will be no contest for delegates in the districts. If there were, Blaine would get some of the delegates without doubt if he wanted them; but I have seen no indications of an effort on his part in Ohio. At the meeting of the National Committee the candidates were talked of a good deal, of course, and Blaine's managers were on the ground and did work for him but I am pretty certain it was not by his instructions."

GENERAL GARFIELD'S MOTHER DYING CLEVELAND, Jan. 13 (Special).—"Grandma" Garfield, mother of General Carfield, is dying at Mentor, the hum of Mrs. Garfield. She has been ill for six weeks and her death is expected at any time. She is eighty-six years old, and her illness is due to her extreme qid aga.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13 (Special) .- The will of Thoms P. Stotesbury was admitted to probate this morni His property is left in trust to his wife and childr The will contains this clause: I desire that my funeral may be simple, avoiding unnecessary demonstrations of mourning and black dr is I wish to bear my testimony to all such useless cust and extravagances, which I consider a vain show.

CANADAIGUA, Jan. 13 (Special).—The Ontario as Livingston Sheepbreeders' Association at its annu-meeting adopted resolutions vigorously denouncing to President's attack upon their industry. This associ-tion is one of the strongest in the State.